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SUBJECT: RAMSEY CLARK ARTICLE ON BHUTTO IN NATION MAGAZINE

1. ARTICLE BY RAMSEY CLARK TITLED "THE TRIAL OF ALI BHUTTO AND THE FUTURE OF PAKISTAN" APPEARED IN AUGUST 19 ISSUE OF THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AND WAS PLACED IN AUGUST 21 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD BY SENATOR MCGOVERN.

2. LENGTHY ARTICLE REVIEWS HISTORY OF PAKISTAN AND BHUTTO'S CAREER. IT CRITICIZES CONDUCT OF LAHORE TRIAL BUT PRAISES PAK SUPREME COURT. CLARK ALSO CRITICIZES HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN PAKISTAN AND RECOMMENDS US "IMPORE WITH ALL OUR MORAL SUASION A COMMUTATION OF THE DEATH SENTENCE", URGE POPULAR ELECTIONS AND AN IMMEDIATE END TO MARTIAL LAW AND TO CRUEL, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING PUNISHMENTS. IN CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH CLARK WRITES "WE SHOULD STAND FOR HUMANITY AND SEND MASSIVE ECONOMIC AID, ASSURING DELIVERY TO THOSE IN GREATEST NEED - OFFERING FOOD, INDEPENDENCE IN FOOD PRODUCTION, HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, AN EXPANDING, INDEPENDENT ECONOMY, DECENT HOUSING AND

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HUMAN DIGNITY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN. IT IS TO THESE ISSUES THAT OUR IMAGINATION, ENERGY AND FOREIGN POLICY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED."

2. FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE IS BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY (ATTN RICK SHERMAN). CHRISTOPHER

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